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# 1981 ILLINOIS FISHING PROSPECTS

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## LARGEMOUTH BASS

**BALDWIN LAKE — 2,018 Acres**  
**Location:** Randolph County, 3 miles north of Baldwin  
**Months:** March, April & May  
**Baits:** Jig and eel, plastic worms & Big O type lures  
**Average weight:** 2 pounds  
**Areas to Fish:** Entire lake shoreline

**BANGS LAKE — 297 Acres**  
**Location:** Lake County in Wauconda  
**Months:** April through October.  
**Baits:** Nitecrawlers, plastic worms & artificial lures  
**Average Weight:** 1½ pounds  
**Areas to Fish:** Weed beds and channels.

**CARLINVILLE LAKE — 168 Acres**  
**Location:** Macoupin County, 2 miles south of Carlinville  
**Months:** May, June and September  
**Baits:** Plastic worms, spinner baits & sonics  
**Average Weight:** 1 pound  
**Areas to Fish:** Brush and trees

**CARLYLE LAKE — 24,580 Acres**  
**Location:** Clinton, Bond & Fayette counties, ½ mile northeast of Carlyle, 15 miles southeast of Greenville  
**Months:** May, June, July, August & September  
**Baits:** Spinner baits, deep diving plugs & plastic worms  
**Average Weight:** 1¾ pounds  
**Areas to Fish:** Bays, shoreline with stickup, rig-rap and flooded timber

**CEDAR LAKE — 1,750 Acres**  
**Location:** Jackson County, 4 miles southwest of Carbondale  
**Months:** April & May  
**Baits:** Spinners & plastic worms  
**Average Weight:** 2 pounds  
**Areas to Fish:** Coves and points

**CEDAR LAKE — 285 Acres**  
**Location:** Lake County, in Village of Lake Villa  
**Months:** April and June  
**Baits:** Plastic worms, crawlers & artificial lures  
**Average Weight:** 2½ pounds  
**Areas to Fish:** Lily pads in northwest section around island

**CHANNEL-CATHERINE LAKE (Fox Chain O'Lakes) — 507 Acres**  
**Location:** Lake County, 2 miles west of Antioch on Rt. 173  
**Months:** April through October  
**Baits:** Nitecrawlers, plastic worms & artificial lures  
**Average Weight:** 1½ pounds  
**Areas to Fish:** Channels and weed beds

**CLINTON LAKE — 5,000 Acres**  
**Location:** DeWitt County, 3 miles east of Clinton  
**Months:** Spring and fall  
**Baits:** Spinners, crank baits and plastic worms  
**Average Weight:** 2 lbs.  
**Areas to Fish:** Shoreline cover, weed beds

**COLLINS LAKE — 1,955 Acres**  
**Location:** Grundy County, 1 mile south and 6 miles east of Morris  
**Months:** April to September  
**Baits:** Nitecrawlers, minnows, artificial lures  
**Average Weight:** 4 pounds  
**Areas to Fish:** Shoreline, troll open water

**DAWSON LAKE — 150 Acres**  
**Location:** McLean County, 3 miles north of Leroy  
**Months:** April through September  
**Baits:** Nitecrawlers or artificial lures  
**Average Weight:** 1 to 2 pounds  
**Areas to Fish:** Steep shoreline dam and old stream channel

**DEEP LAKE — 200 Acres**  
**Location:** Lake County, 2 miles east of Lake Villa on Rt. 132  
**Months:** April through October  
**Baits:** Nitecrawlers, plastic worms & artificial lures  
**Average Weight:** 2 pounds  
**Areas to Fish:** Drop-off at northwest side and weed beds

**DEFIANCE LAKE (Moraine Hills State Park) — 48 Acres**  
**Location:** McHenry County, 3 miles southeast of McHenry at Moraine Hills St. Pk.  
**Months:** May & June, January & February  
**Baits:** Artificial lures  
**Average Weight:** 1½ pounds  
**Areas to Fish:** Along weed beds

**EAST LOON LAKE — 165 Acres**  
**Location:** Lake County, 2 miles south of Antioch on Rt. 83  
**Months:** April through October  
**Baits:** Nitecrawlers, plastic worms & artificial lures  
**Average Weight:** 2½ pounds  
**Areas to Fish:** Channels in north section & weed beds

**FOX LAKE (FOX CHAIN O'LAKES) — 1,700 Acres**  
**Location:** Lake County, Fox Lake  
**Months:** May through September  
**Baits:** Nightcrawlers, plastic worms, artificial lures  
**Average Weight:** 1 to 2 pounds  
**Areas to Fish:** Weed beds and channels

**GILLESPIE LAKE — 270 Acres**  
**Location:** Macoupin County, 3 miles northwest of Gillespie  
**Months:** May and June  
**Baits:** Mepps, sonics, Rapellas and plastic worms  
**Average Weight:** 1 pound  
**Areas to Fish:** Brush and weed beds

**GRASS LAKE (FOX CHAIN O'LAKES) — 1,360 Acres**  
**Location:** Lake County, 2 miles east of Spring Grove  
**Months:** May through September  
**Baits:** Nightcrawlers, plastic worms, artificial lures  
**Average Weight:** 2 pounds  
**Areas to Fish:** Grass Island and bays

**GREENVILLE NEW CITY LAKE — 775 Acres**  
**Location:** Bond County, northeast edge at Greenville  
**Months:** May, June, September and October  
**Baits:** Spinners, crank baits & plastic worms  
**Average Weight:** 2 pounds  
**Areas to Fish:** Points, brush & underwater structures

**HOMER LAKE — 81 Acres**  
**Location:** Champaign County, 2 miles north of Homer  
**Months:** April, May, June, September & October  
**Baits:** Artificial lures  
**Average Weight:** 2 pounds  
**Areas to Fish:** Around brush & edge of weed beds

**HORSESHOE LAKE — 1,890 Acres**  
**Location:** Alexander County, at Olive Branch  
**Months:** April and May  
**Baits:** Spinners  
**Average Weight:** 1½ pounds  
**Areas to Fish:** Cypress trees along shoreline

**LAKE JACKSONVILLE — 465 Acres**  
**Location:** Morgan County, 6 miles southeast of Jacksonville  
**Months:** May, June & September  
**Baits:** Spinners baits, plastic worms and deep diving plugs  
**Average Weight:** 1 pound  
**Areas to Fish:** Brush and trees

**KANKAKEE RIVER BACKWATERS — 65 Acres Des Plaines Conservation Area**  
**Location:** Will County, 4 miles west of Wilmington  
**Months:** May & June  
**Baits:** Spinners & plastic worms  
**Average Weight:** 2 pounds.  
**Areas to Fish:** Kankakee backwaters on Des Plaines Conservation Area

**KINKAID LAKE — 2,750 Acres**  
**Location:** Jackson County, 3 miles northwest of Murphysboro  
**Months:** March & April  
**Baits:** Spinners  
**Average Weight:** 2 pounds  
**Areas to Fish:** Shoreline weed beds and tree tops in water

**LAKE CARLTON — 77 Acres**  
**Location:** Whiteside County, 2 miles north of Morrison  
**Months:** May, June and September  
**Baits:** Artificial lures  
**Average Weight:** 1 pound  
**Areas to Fish:** Flooded stickups, points and weed beds

**LAKE CENTRALIA — 450 Acres**  
**Location:** Marion County  
**Months:** April, May, June & September  
**Baits:** Artificial lures  
**Average Weight:** 2½ pounds  
**Areas to Fish:** Submerged tree tops and weed beds

**LAKE OF EGYPT — 2,300 Acres**  
**Location:** Johnson County, 8 miles south of Marion  
**Months:** March & April  
**Baits:** Spinners and plastic worms  
**Average Weight:** 2 pounds  
**Areas to Fish:** Weed beds and brush

**LAKE GEORGE — 167 Acres**  
**Location:** Rock Island County, 5 miles west of Andalusia  
**Months:** May, June & September  
**Baits:** Artificial lures  
**Average Weight:** 1½ pounds  
**Areas to Fish:** Stickups and logs

**LAKE MARIE (Fox Chain O'Lakes) — 480 Acres**  
**Location:** Lake County, 3 miles west of Antioch on Rt. 173  
**Months:** April through October  
**Baits:** Nitecrawlers, plastic worms & artificial lures  
**Average Weight:** 2 pounds  
**Areas to Fish:** Channels & weed beds

**LAKE MURPHYSBORO — 145 Acres**  
**Location:** Jackson County, 1 mile west of Murphysboro  
**Months:** March & April  
**Baits:** Spinners  
**Average Weight:** 1½ pounds  
**Areas to Fish:** Shoreline and points

**LAKE SARA — 586 Acres**  
**Location:** Effingham County, 5 miles northwest of Effingham  
**Months:** April through August

**Baits:** Crank baits & spinners  
**Average Weight:** 1 pound  
**Areas to Fish:** Points & shallow bays

**LAKE SPRINGFIELD — 4,234 Acres**  
**Location:** Sangamon County, south edge of Springfield  
**Months:** Spring and fall  
**Baits:** Spinners crank baits & plastic worms  
**Average Weight:** 2 to 3 pounds  
**Areas to Fish:** Rip-rap, points & underwater structures

**LAKE SHELBYVILLE — 11,100 Acres**  
**Location:** Shelby & Moultrie counties  
**Months:** April through October  
**Baits:** Deep diving plugs, plastic worms & spinner baits  
**Average Weight:** 2 pounds  
**Areas to Fish:** Flooded timber, stickups, points and bays

**LAKE ZURICH — 220 Acres**  
**Location:** Lake County, in Village of Lake Zurich  
**Months:** April through June  
**Baits:** Plastic worms, crawlers & artificial lures  
**Average Weight:** 2 pounds  
**Areas to Fish:** Edge of weed beds

**LINCOLN TRAIL STATE LAKE — 146 Acres**  
**Location:** Clark County, 2 miles south of Marshall  
**Months:** April, May, June, September & October  
**Baits:** Artificial lures  
**Average Weight:** 2 pounds  
**Areas to Fish:** Around brush & edge of weed beds

**LONG LAKE (KICKAPOO STATE PARK) — 56.6 Acres**  
**Location:** Vermilion County, 2 miles east of Oakwood  
**Months:** May to September  
**Baits:** Nite crawlers and artificial lures  
**Average Weight:** 1 to 2 pounds  
**Areas to Fish:** Weed beds, fallen trees and shoreline

**MERMET LAKE — 452 Acres**  
**Location:** Massac County, one mile west of Mermet  
**Months:** March and April  
**Baits:** Spinner baits in spring; rubber worms in hot summer  
**Average Weight:** 1 pound  
**Areas to Fish:** Logs, stumps in standing timber & levee rip-rap

**MISSISSIPPI RIVER, Pool 18, Boston Bay — 1.5 miles**  
**Location:** Mercer County, New Boston, IL  
**Months:** May-June, September-October  
**Baits:** Minnows, plastic worms, spinning lures  
**Average Weight:** 1 - 2½ pounds  
**Areas to Fish:** Logs, brush piles, shoreline cover

**NEWTON C.I.P.S. LAKE — 1,750 Acres**  
**Location:** Jasper County, 8 miles southwest of Newton  
**Months:** Year around; hot water lake  
**Baits:** crank baits, plastic worms  
**Average Weight:** 4.0 pounds (18 inch size limit)  
**Areas to Fish:** Points and weed beds

**OTTER LAKE — 765 Acres**  
**Location:** Macoupin County, 7 miles west of Girard  
**Months:** May, June and September  
**Baits:** Plastic worms, spinner baits and Rapellas  
**Average Weight:** 1 pound  
**Areas to Fish:** Brush and trees

**PARIS EAST LAKE — 163 Acres**  
**Location:** Edgar County, north edge of Paris  
**Months:** April, May, June, September & October  
**Baits:** Artificial lures  
**Average Weight:** 2 pounds  
**Areas to Fish:** Around brush and edge of weed beds

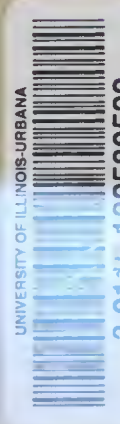
**RACCOON LAKE — 970 Acres**  
**Location:** Marion County, 1 mile northeast of Centralia  
**Months:** April, May, June & September  
**Baits:** Artificial lures  
**Average Weight:** 2 pounds  
**Areas to Fish:** Along weed beds

**REND LAKE — 18,900 Acres**  
**Location:** Franklin & Jefferson counties, 5 miles northwest of Benton, 3 miles east of Sesser  
**Months:** April through October  
**Baits:** Spinner baits, deep diving plugs & plastic worms  
**Average Weight:** 1½ pounds  
**Areas to Fish:** Bays, shoreline with flooded brush, timber and rock rip-rap

**ST. ELMO NEW CITY LAKE — 68 Acres**  
**Location:** Fayette County, 1 mile north of St. Elmo  
**Months:** April, May, June & September  
**Baits:** Artificial lures  
**Average Weight:** 2½ pounds  
**Areas to Fish:** Secondary brush

**SAM DALE LAKE — 194 Acres**  
**Location:** Wayne County, 3 miles northwest of Johnsville  
**Months:** April through October  
**Baits:** Spinners & crank bits  
**Average Weight:** 2 pounds  
**Areas to Fish:** Around sunken logs, stick ups and points

**SAM PARR LAKE — 180 Acres**  
**Location:** Jasper County, 2½ miles northeast of Newton  
**Months:** April through October  
**Baits:** Spinners & crank baits  
**Average Weight:** 1 pound  
**Areas to Fish:** Stickups and points





**SANGCHRIS LAKE — 2,165 Acres**

**Location:** Christian County, 14 miles southeast of Springfield  
**Months:** April, May, June, September and October  
**Balts:** Crank bait and spinner baits  
**Average Weight:** 2 to 3 pounds  
**Areas to Fish:** Rip-rap and underwater structures

**SHABBONA LAKE — 318 Acres**

**Location:** DeKalb County, 2 miles south of Shabbona  
**Months:** May-June  
**Balts:** Artificial lures  
**Average Weight:** 2-3/4 pounds  
**Areas to Fish:** Woody shoreline, fish cribs, weed beds

**SPRING LAKE (SOUTH HALF) — 610 Acres**

**Location:** Tazewell County, 4 miles west of Manito  
**Months:** March, April, May  
**Balts:** Spinners and purple plastic worms  
**Average Weight:** 2 pounds  
**Areas to Fish:** In springs and “Pike Hole”

**STEPHEN FORBES LAKE — 525 Acres**

**Location:** Marion County, 4 miles east and 2 miles south of Kinmundy  
**Months:** April, May, June, September, October  
**Balts:** Artificial lures  
**Average Weight:** 2½ pounds  
**Areas to Fish:** Shallow upper end and bays

**WARRIOR LAKE (Moraine Hills State Park) — 20 Acres**

**Location:** McHenry County, 3 miles southeast of McHenry at Moraine Hills State Park  
**Months:** April through June, January & February  
**Balts:** Artificial lures  
**Average Weight:** 2 pounds  
**Areas to Fish:** Along shoreline and brush fish attractors

**WASHINGTON COUNTY LAKE — 295 Acres**

**Location:** Washington County, 7 miles south of Nashville  
**Months:** March, April, May and June  
**Balts:** Spinner baits and deep diving plugs  
**Average Weight:** 2 pounds  
**Areas to Fish:** Submerged trees

**WOLF LAKE — 415 Acres**

**Location:** Cook County, in Chicago  
**Months:** May through September  
**Balts:** Spinners & plastic worms  
**Average Weight:** 2 pounds  
**Areas to Fish:** Weedy areas

**CHANNEL CATFISH**

**ARGYLE LAKE — 95 Acres**

**Location:** McDonough County, 2 miles north of Colchester  
**Months:** June through September  
**Balts:** Worms and cheese bait  
**Average Weight:** 1 pound  
**Areas to Fish:** Shallow bays at dusk or boat dock bay during daylight

**BALDWIN LAKE — 2,018 Acres**

**Location:** Randolph County, 3 miles north of Baldwin  
**Months:** April through October  
**Baits:** Crayfish, nitecrawlers and cut shad  
**Average Weight:** 4 pounds  
**Areas to Fish:** Entire lake

**BEAVER DAM LAKE — 57 Acres**

**Location:** Macoupin County, 6 miles southwest of Carlinville  
**Months:** July, August and September  
**Balts:** Worms, stink baits and shad guts  
**Average Weight:** 1 pound  
**Areas to Fish:** Off the peninsula and fish attractors

**CARLINVILLE LAKE — 168 Acres**

**Location:** Macoupin County, 2 miles south of Carlinville  
**Months:** May, June and September  
**Balts:** Worms and shad  
**Average Weight:** 1 pound  
**Areas to Fish:** Upper end

**CARLYLE LAKE — 24,580 Acres**

**Location:** Clinton, Bond & Fayette counties, at Carlyle, Boulder and Keyesport  
**Months:** May through October  
**Balts:** Shad, crayfish, shiners, leeches, nitecrawlers & grasshoppers  
**Average Weight:** 1¾ pounds  
**Areas to Fish:** River & creek channels,flooded ridges & tailwaters

**CEDAR LAKE — 1,750 Acres**

**Location:** Jackson County  
**Months:** June, July and August  
**Balts:** Shiners, shad, crayfish, leeches & worms  
**Average Weight:** 3 pounds  
**Areas to Fish:** Upper creek channels and along dam

**CLINTON LAKE — 5,000 Acres**

**Location:** DeWitt County, 3 miles east of Clinton  
**Months:** May through September  
**Balts:** Shad, crayfish, shiners, leeches and nightcrawlers  
**Average Weight:** 1-2 lbs.  
**Areas to Fish:** North Fork Arm-Creek channels, flooded timber

**CRAB ORCHARD LAKE — 6,695 Acres**

**Location:** Williamson County, 4 miles east of Carbondale  
**Months:** May and June  
**Balts:** Shrimp, cheese baits & cut bait  
**Average Weight:** 2½ pounds  
**Areas to Fish:** Grassy Bay, Wolf Creek & Cambria

**DAWSON LAKE — 150 Acres**

**Location:** McLean County, 3 miles east of Leroy  
**Months:** June through September  
**Balts:** Nitecrawlers and stink bait  
**Average Weight:** 1½ pounds  
**Areas to Fish:** Upper end of lake

**DOLAN LAKE — 71 Acres**

**Location:** Hamilton County, 8 miles southeast of McLeansboro  
**Months:** June & July  
**Balts:** Cut bait, leeches & nitecrawlers  
**Average Weight:** 2 to 3 pounds  
**Areas to Fish:** Off dam, steep shoreline and points

**EMBARRAS RIVER —**

**Location:** Coles to Lawrence counties.  
**Months:** June, July and August  
**Balts:** Nitecrawlers and stink bait  
**Average Weight:** 1 pound  
**Areas to Fish:** Around brush and below riffles

**FOX LAKE (Fox Chain O'Lakes) — 1,700 Acres**

**Location:** Lake County, Fox Lake  
**Months:** June, July, September, January & February  
**Balts:** Golden shiners, nitecrawlers & prepared baits  
**Average Weight:** 2 pounds  
**Areas to Fish:** Crabapple island & channels

**FOX RIVER —**

**Location:** Kendall County, 1 mile south of Plano  
**Months:** May through September  
**Baits:** Stink bait  
**Average Weight:** 1½ pounds  
**Areas to Fish:** Silver Springs State Park below Yorkville Dam

**FOX RIVER (McHenry Dam) —**

**Location:** McHenry County, 2 miles southeast of McHenry off River, Road  
**Months:** June through September  
**Baits:** Shrimp, worms and stink baits  
**Average Weight:** 1 pound  
**Areas to Fish:** Swift water below dam

**GILLESPIE OLD LAKE — 71 Acres**

**Location:** Macoupin County, 3 miles northwest of Gillespie  
**Months:** May, June and September  
**Balts:** Worms and shad  
**Average Weight:** 1 pound  
**Areas to Fish:** Upper end

**GRASS LAKE (Fox Chain O'Lakes) — 1,360 Acres**

**Location:** Lake County, 2 miles east of Spring Grove  
**Months:** June, July, August & September  
**Balts:** Nitecrawlers, golden shiners & prepared baits  
**Average Weight:** 1½ pounds  
**Areas to Fish:** Grass Island & channels

**GREENVILLE NEW CITY LAKE — 775 Acres**

**Location:** Bond County  
**Months:** May-October  
**Baits:** Cutbaits, prepared baits, live baits  
**Average Weight:** 1 to 2 pounds  
**Areas to Fish:** Rip-rap, points, bays

**HENNEPIN CANAL —**

**Location:** Bureau, Henry and Whiteside counties, Wyagnet to Geneseo  
**Months:** June through September  
**Balts:** Worms and prepared baits  
**Average Weight:** 1 pound  
**Areas to Fish:** Entire shoreline and snags

**ILLINOIS RIVER —**

**Location:** LaSalle County, at Starved Rock State Park  
**Months:** June through September  
**Baits:** Cut bait and shad guts  
**Average Weight:** 1½ pounds  
**Areas to Fish:** Tailwater (below dam)

**ILLINOIS RIVER —**

**Location:** Woodford County, at Woodford County Conservation Area  
**Months:** May through September  
**Balts:** Cut bait  
**Average Weight:** 1 pound  
**Areas to Fish:** In channel

**ILLINOIS RIVER — 5 Miles**

**Location:** Mason County, at Havana  
**Months:** May through September  
**Baits:** Small shad, cut bait, minnows, shad guts, cheese and blood bait  
**Average Weight:** 1 pound  
**Areas to Fish:** At Conservation Department's Havana Fisheries Station

**IROQUOIS RIVER — 50 Miles**

**Location:** Iroquois County, Watseka area  
**Months:** June through September  
**Balts:** Chicken livers  
**Average Weight:** 1½ pounds  
**Areas to Fish:** Deep water in Watseka area

**JOHNSON SAUK TRAIL LAKE — 58 Acres**

**Location:** Henry County, 4 miles south of Annawan  
**Months:** June through September  
**Balts:** Worms and prepared baits  
**Average Weight:** 1½ pounds  
**Areas to Fish:** Near dam

**JONES LAKE — 105 Acres**

**Location:** Saline County, 4 miles southwest of Equality  
**Months:** June & July  
**Balts:** Catfish stink bait, cut bait & nitecrawlers  
**Average Weight:** 2 pounds  
**Areas to Fish:** Off fishing piers, dam and along south shoreline

**KANKAKEE RIVER — 59 Miles**

**Location:** Will & Kankakee counties, Kankakee Dam, State Line, Wilmington Dam, Momence Island Park, Des Plaines Conservation Area and Kankakee State Park  
**Months:** May through September  
**Balts:** Stink baits, cheese and crushed minnows  
**Average Weight:** 1½ pounds  
**Areas to Fish:** Above or just below riffles and pool areas

**KASKASKIA RIVER — 40 Miles**

**Location:** Clinton, Washington, St. Clair counties  
**Months:** May, June, August, September, October  
**Balts:** Worms, stink baits, shad guts and cut bait  
**Average Weight:** 2 pounds  
**Areas to Fish:** Brush, trees and pools

**KASKASKIA RIVER — 35 Miles**

**Location:** Douglas, Coles & Moultrie counties, from Rt. 36 south to Allenville  
**Months:** June, July and August  
**Balts:** Nitecrawlers and stink bait  
**Average Weight:** 1½ pounds  
**Areas to Fish:** Around brush and below riffles

**KASKASKIA RIVER — 5 Miles**

**Location:** Fayette County, at Vandalia  
**Months:** May, June, September & October  
**Balts:** Stink baits and nitecrawlers  
**Average Weight:** 2½ pounds  
**Areas to Fish:** Brush, trees and pools

**KASKASKIA RIVER — 25 Miles**

**Location:** Randolph County  
**Months:** May through September  
**Balts:** Worms, stink baits, shad guts and cut bait  
**Average Weight:** 1½ pounds  
**Areas to Fish:** Around rock rip-rap and brush

**LAKE CARLTON — 77 Acres**

**Location:** Whiteside County, 2 miles north of Morrison  
**Months:** June through September  
**Balts:** Prepared baits & worms  
**Average Weight:** 1½ pounds  
**Areas to Fish:** Dam and shallows of upper end of lake

**LAKE CHARLESTON — 359 Acres**

**Location:** Coles County, 2 miles southeast of Charleston  
**Months:** June, July & August  
**Balts:** Nitecrawlers and stink bait  
**Average Weight:** 2 pounds  
**Areas to Fish:** North end

**LAKE GEORGE — 167 Acres**

**Location:** Rock Island County, 5 miles west of Andalusia  
**Months:** Summer  
**Balts:** Prepared baits and worms  
**Average Weight:** 1½ pounds  
**Areas to Fish:** Shallows of upper end and dam

**LAKE LE-AQUA-NA — 43 Acres**

**Location:** Stephenson County, 2 miles north of Lena  
**Months:** June through October  
**Balts:** Nitecrawlers and cheese baits  
**Average Weight:** 1½ pounds  
**Areas to Fish:** Shoreline

**LAKE MURPHYSBORO — 145 Acres**

**Location:** Jackson County, 1 mile west of Murphysboro  
**Months:** May and June  
**Balts:** Cut bait, worms and cheese bait  
**Average Weight:** 2 pounds  
**Areas to Fish:** Dam rip-rap, coves (4-6 feet deep)

**LAKE SHELBYVILLE — 11,100 Acres**

**Location:** Shelby & Moultrie counties, adjacent to Shelbyville, 2 miles east of Findlay; 4 miles south of Sullivan  
**Months:** May through September  
**Balts:** Large shiners, crayfish, leeches, nitecrawlers and shad  
**Average Weight:** 2 pounds  
**Areas to Fish:** Kaskaskia River, shallow bays, with flooded timber, tailwater areas, flats and submerged ridges

**LAKE SPRINGFIELD — 4,234 Acres**

**Location:** Sangamon County, south edge of Springfield  
**Months:** Spring, summer & fall  
**Balts:** Shad, prepared cheese baits  
**Average Weight:** 2 to 5 pounds  
**Areas to Fish:** Points, rip-rap and underwater structures

**LINCOLN TRAIL STATE LAKE — 146 Acres**

**Location:** Clark County, 2 miles south of Marshall  
**Months:** June, July & August  
**Balts:** Nitecrawlers and stink bait  
**Average Weight:** 2 pounds  
**Areas to Fish:** North end

**MERMET LAKE — 452 Acres**

**Location:** Massac County, 1 mile west of Mernet  
**Months:** June, July & August  
**Balts:** Stink baits, cut bait and nitecrawlers  
**Average Weight:** 2 pounds  
**Areas to Fish:** Main water pump and new boat ramp

**MISSISSIPPI RIVER — 160 Miles**

**Location:** Monroe County to Alexander County  
**Months:** June through October  
**Balts:** Worms, prepared baits, shad guts and cut bait  
**Average Weight:** 2 pounds  
**Areas to Fish:** Side channel chutes and around rock rip-rap dikes

**MISSISSIPPI RIVER, Lock & Dam 26 Tailwater**

**Location:** Alton, IL  
**Months:** July-September  
**Balts:** Worms and prepared catfish bait  
**Average Weight:** 3 pounds  
**Areas to Fish:** Shoreline on bottom

**MISSISSIPPI RIVER, POOL 16 —**

**Location:** Rock Island, between Rock Island, Ill. and Muscatine, Ia.  
**Months:** July through September  
**Balts:** Prepared catfish bait  
**Average Weight:** 1-2 pounds  
**Areas to Fish:** Wing dams



**MISSISSIPPI RIVER, Pool 19, Thomson Slough — 1.5 Miles**

**Location:** Henderson County, Dallas City, IL.

**Months:** August-September

**Baits:** Prepared catfish bait

**Average Weight:** 1-2½ pounds

**Areas to Fish:** Stumps

**MISSISSIPPI RIVER, Pool 21, O'Dell Chute — 2 Miles**

**Location:** Adams County, 4 miles downstream of Bear Creek Public Use Area

**Months:** July-September

**Baits:** Prepared catfish baits

**Average Weight:** 1-3 pounds

**Areas to Fish:** Log jams and stumps

**NEWTON C.I.P.S. LAKE — 1,750 Acres**

**Location:** Jasper County, 8 miles southwest of Newton

**Months:** Year around; hot water lake

**Baits:** Minnows, night crawlers, stink bait

**Average Weight:** 2 pounds

**Areas to Fish:** Bays and stick ups

**PIERCE LAKE — 162 Acres**

**Location:** Winnebago County, 2 miles east of Rockford

**Months:** June through October

**Baits:** Nitecrawlers and cheese baits

**Average Weight:** 2 pounds

**Areas to Fish:** Shoreline

**PISTAKEE LAKE (Fox Chain O'Lakes) — 1,700 Acres**

**Location:** Lake County, Fox Lake

**Months:** May, June, July, August, September, January & February

**Baits:** Nitecrawlers, golden shiners & prepared baits

**Average Weight:** 2 pounds

**Areas to Fish:** Around islands

**PITTSFIELD LAKE — 241 Acres**

**Location:** Pike County, 3 miles northeast of Pittsfield

**Months:** May & June

**Baits:** Cheese baits & cut salad

**Average Weight:** 1 to 2½ pounds

**Areas to Fish:** Brushy areas

**RACCOON LAKE — 970 Acres**

**Location:** Marion County, mile northeast of Centralia

**Months:** June, July and August

**Baits:** Cheese baits & nitecrawlers

**Average Weight:** 1½ pounds

**Areas to Fish:** Along weed beds

**RAMSEY LAKE — 47 Acres**

**Location:** Fayette County, 1 mile northwest of Ramsey

**Months:** June, July and August

**Baits:** Cheese bait and nitecrawlers

**Average Weight:** 2½ pounds

**Areas to Fish:** Middle of bays

**RANDOLPH COUNTY LAKE — 65 Acres**

**Location:** Randolph County, 5 miles northeast of Chester

**Months:** April through August

**Baits:** Nitecrawlers and stink baits

**Average Weight:** 1 pound

**Areas to Fish:** Entire lake, shallow bays

**RED HILLS LAKE — 40 Acres**

**Location:** Lawrence County, 1 mile northeast of Sumner

**Months:** July and August

**Baits:** Stink bait

**Average Weight:** 1 pound

**Areas to Fish:** Bays

**REND LAKE — 18,900 Acres**

**Location:** Franklin & Jefferson counties, 5 miles northwest of Benton,

3 miles east of Sesser

**Months:** May through Mid-October

**Baits:** Shiners, shad, crayfish, leeches, worms & grasshoppers

**Average Weight:** 1¾ pounds

**Areas to Fish:** River and Creek channels, flats with 3-6 foot depths and flooded timber

**ROCK RIVER — 150 Miles**

**Location:** Winnebago, Ogle, Lee, Whiteside, Rock Island counties, Rockford, Byron, Grand Detour, Dixon, Sterling, Rock Falls and Milan

**Months:** March (at mouth of feeder stream): late May through September in main channel.

**Baits:** Shrimp, worms, minnows & stink baits

**Average Weight:** 1½ to 2½ pounds

**Areas to Fish:** Tailwaters below dams, below riffles, mouth of tributary streams and deep holes below obstructions

**SAM DALE LAKE — 194 Acres**

**Location:** Wayne County, 3 miles northwest of Johnsonville

**Months:** June and July

**Baits:** Worms and prepared baits

**Average Weight:** 2 pounds

**Areas to Fish:** Around sunken logs and creek channels

**SAM PARR LAKE — 180 Acres**

**Location:** Jasper county, 2½ miles northeast of Newton

**Months:** July & August

**Baits:** Worms, stink baits and chicken livers

**Average Weight:** 1 pound

**Areas to Fish:** Bays and coves

**SANGCHRIS LAKE — 2,165 Acres**

**Location:** Christian County, 14 miles southeast of Springfield

**Months:** Spring, Summer & Fall

**Baits:** Shad and prepared cheese baits

**Average Weight:** 2-4 pounds

**Areas to Fish:** Shallow arms and east end

**SCHUY-RUSH LAKE — 225 Acres**

**Location:** Schuyler County, 2 miles southwest of Rushville

**Months:** May and June

**Baits:** Cheese baits and nitecrawlers

**Average Weight:** 1 to 5 pounds

**Areas to Fish:** Shallow arms and east end

**SHABBONA LAKE — 319 Acres**

**Location:** DeKalb County, 2 miles south of Shabbona

**Months:** June through October

**Baits:** Nitecrawlers and cheese baits

**Average Weight:** 1½ pounds

**Areas to Fish:** Shoreline

**SILOAM SPRINGS LAKE — 58 Acres**

**Location:** Adams County, 3 miles southwest of Kellerville

**Months:** May, June and August

**Baits:** Cheese baits and nitecrawlers

**Average Weight:** 1 to 2 pounds

**Areas to Fish:** North and west arms

**STEPHEN FORBES STATE LAKE — 525 Acres**

**Location:** Marion County, 4 miles east, 2 miles south of Kinmundy

**Months:** July and August

**Baits:** Cheese baits and nitecrawlers

**Average Weight:** 2½ pounds

**Areas to Fish:** Shallow upper and end bays

**VANDALIA CITY LAKE — 660 Acres**

**Location:** Fayette County, 3 miles N.W. of Vandalia

**Months:** July, August

**Baits:** Stink baits, nightcrawlers

**Average Weight:** 3½ pounds

**Areas to Fish:** Bays and along rip-rap

**WABASH RIVER —**

**Location:** Clark to Gallatin Counties

**Months:** June, July, August & September

**Baits:** Crayfish, shrimp & stink bait

**Average Weight:** 3 pounds

**Areas to Fish:** Along areas of rapid water

**WASHINGTON COUNTY LAKE — 295 Acres**

**Location:** Washington County, 7 miles south of Nashville

**Months:** May through September

**Baits:** Nitecrawlers and stink baits

**Average Weight:** 1½ pounds

**Areas to Fish:** Shallow bays

**WELDON SPRINGS LAKE — 29 Acres**

**Location:** DeWitt County, 3 miles southeast of Clinton

**Months:** July through September

**Baits:** Cheese baits, nitecrawlers and chicken livers

**Average Weight:** 1 pound

**Areas to Fish:** Upper bay and east shore near old dam

**WOLF LAKE — 415 Acres**

**Location:** Cook County in Chicago

**Months:** May through September

**Baits:** Nightcrawlers and crayfish

**Average Weight:** 1 Pound

**Areas to Fish:** Along weed beds

**BLUEGILL**

**ANDERSON LAKE — 1,364 Acres**

**Location:** Fulton County, 8 miles southwest of Havana

**Months:** May through September

**Baits:** Worms, grubs and crickets

**Average Weight:** ½ pound

**Areas to Fish:** Stumps

**BEAVER DAM LAKE — 57 Acres**

**Location:** Macoupin County, 6 miles southwest of Carlinville

**Months:** June, July and September

**Baits:** Crickets and redworms

**Average Weight:** 1/3 pound

**Areas to Fish:** Weed beds, trees and fish attractors

**CANTON LAKE — 250 Acres**

**Location:** Fulton County, 2 miles east of Canton

**Months:** June

**Baits:** Worms and crickets

**Average Weight:** 1/3 pound

**Areas to Fish:** Shoreline

**CARLYLE LAKE — 24,580 Acres**

**Location:** Clinton, Bond & Fayette counties at Carlyle, Keyesport and Boulder

**Months:** May, June, July & September

**Baits:** Crickets and redworms

**Average Weight:** 1/3 pound

**Areas to Fish:** Bays with flooded brush & timber, islands north of railroad, and rock rip-rap

**CEDAR LAKE — 285 Acres**

**Location:** Lake County, Lake Villa, Illinois

**Months:** June through September

**Baits:** Worms and nitecrawlers

**Average Weight:** 1/3 pound

**Areas to Fish:** North of island and northwest section

**COLLINS LAKE — 1,955 Acres**

**Location:** Grundy County, 1 mile south and 6 miles east of Morris

**Months:** April to September

**Baits:** Worms, nitecrawlers

**Average Weight:** ¼ pound

**Areas to Fish:** Shoreline

**CRAB ORCHARD LAKE — 6,965 Acres**

**Location:** Williamson County, 4 miles east of Carbondale

**Months:** May and June

**Baits:** Crickets and worms

**Average Weight:** ½ pound

**Areas to Fish:** Wolf Creek, stumps, brush and spawn beds

**DAWSON LAKE — 150 Acres**

**Location:** McLean County, 3 miles north of Leroy

**Months:** May through October

**Baits:** Nitecrawlers and jigs

**Average Weight:** 1/3 to ½ pound

**Areas to Fish:** Brushy areas and weed beds

**DEEP LAKE — 200 Acres**

**Location:** Lake County, 2 miles east of Lake Villa on Rt. 132

**Months:** June, July, August & September

**Baits:** Nitecrawlers and worms

**Average Weight:** ¾ pound

**Areas to Fish:** Shoreline

**DEFIANCE LAKE (MORaine HILLS STATE PARK) — 48 Acres**

**Location:** McHenry County, 3 miles southeast of McHenry at Moraine Hills State Park

**Months:** April through September, January and February

**Baits:** Crickets, worms, wax worms

**Average Weight:** ¼ pound

**Areas to Fish:** Along shoreline and brush fish attractors

**DEVIL'S KITCHEN — 810 Acres**

**Location:** Williamson County, 8 miles southeast of Carbondale

**Months:** May and June

**Baits:** Crickets and worms

**Average Weight:** ½ pound

**Areas to Fish:** Spawn beds

**DOLAN LAKE — 71 Acres**

**Location:** Hamilton County, 8 miles southeast of McLeansboro

**Months:** May and June

**Baits:** Worms

**Average Weight:** ¼ pound

**Areas to Fish:** Weed beds and fish attractors

**DUTCHMAN LAKE — 118 Acres**

**Location:** Johnson County, 3 miles S.E. of Goreville

**Months:** April-May

**Baits:** Worms and crickets

**Average Weight:** 1/3 pound

**Areas to Fish:** Spawn beds

**HENNEPIN CANAL —**

**Location:** Bureau, Henry and Whiteside counties, Wyanet to Geneseo

**Months:** May and June

**Baits:** Worms and crickets

**Average Weight:** 1/3 pound

**Areas to Fish:** Shoreline

**HILLSBORO NEW CITY LAKE — 1,200 Acres**

**Location:** Montgomery County

**Months:** May-October

**Baits:** Worms and crickets

**Average Weight:** 1/3 pounds

**Areas to Fish:** Shoreline

**HORSESHOE LAKE — 1,890 Acres**

**Location:** Alexander County, at Olive Branch

**Months:** April and May

**Baits:** Crickets and worms

**Average Weight:** ½ pound

**Areas to Fish:** Spawn beds and Cypress trees

**JONES LAKE — 105 Acres**

**Location:** Saline County, 4 miles southwest of Equality

**Months:** May and June

**Baits:** Worms and crickets

**Average Weight:** 1/3 pound

**Areas to Fish:** Standing brush 8-12 feet deep

**LAKE LE AQUA NA — 43 Acres**

**Location:** Stephenson County, 3 miles north of Lena

**Months:** June through September

**Baits:** Worms

**Average Weight:** ½ pound

**Areas to Fish:** Shoreline and fish cribs

**LAKE SHELBYVILLE — 11,100 Acres**

**Location:** Shelby and Moultrie counties, adjacent to Shelbyville, 2 miles east of Findlay and 4 miles south of Sullivan

**Months:** May, June, July, August and September

**Baits:** Crickets, redworms, poppers and wet flies

**Average Weight:** ¼ pound

**Areas to Fish:** Bays with flooded brush and timber

**LINCOLN TRAIL STATE LAKE — 146 Acres**

**Location:** Clark County, 2 miles south of Marshall

**Months:** May through September

**Baits:** Worms and crickets

**Average Weight:** ½ pound

**Areas to Fish:** Around brush and edge of weed beds



**MISSISSIPPI RIVER, POOL 19, BURLINGTON ISLAND — 1 mile**

**Location:** Henderson County, Shokokon, IL  
**Months:** Henderson County, Shokokon, IL  
**Months:** May-June, September  
**Baits:** Worms  
**Average Weight:** 1.3 pound  
**Areas to Fish:** Shoreline cover

**RED HILLS LAKE — 40 Acres**

**Location:** Lawrence County, 1 mile northeast of Sumner  
**Months:** May, June, September, October  
**Baits:** Worms, crickets and grubs  
**Average Weight:** 1/3 pound  
**Areas to Fish:** Logs, brush, spawn beds

**REND LAKE — 18,900 Acres**

**Location:** Franklin & Jefferson counties, 5 miles northwest of Benton 3 miles east of Sesser  
**Months:** April through October  
**Baits:** Crickets and redworms  
**Average Weight:** ¼ pound  
**Areas to Fish:** Areas or bays with brush & timber, timber of Nason Point, Big Muddy and Casey Form Arms

**ST ELMO NEW CITY LAKE — 68 Acres**

**Location:** Fayette County, 1 mile north of St. Elmo  
**Months:** May, June and September  
**Baits:** Crickets and redworms  
**Average Weight:** ¼ pound  
**Areas to Fish:** Points and shallow bays

**SAM DALE LAKE — 194 Acres**

**Location:** Wayne County, 3 miles northwest of Johnsonville  
**Months:** May and June  
**Baits:** Worms and crickets  
**Average Weight:** 1/3 pound  
**Areas to Fish:** Spawning beds and brush piles

**SAM PARR LAKE — 180 Acres**

**Location:** Jasper County, 2½ miles northeast of Newton  
**Months:** April, May and June  
**Baits:** Worms and crickets  
**Average Weight:** 1/3 pound  
**Areas to Fish:** Stickups and bays

**SILOAM SPRINGS — 58 Acres**

**Location:** Adams County, 3 miles southwest of Kellerville  
**Months:** May and June  
**Baits:** Crickets, redworms and meal worms  
**Average Weight:** 1/3 to ½ pound  
**Areas to Fish:** North and east arms.

**STEPHEN FORBES STATE LAKE — 525 Acres**

**Location:** Marion County, 4 miles east, 2 miles south of Kimmundy  
**Months:** May, June and September  
**Baits:** Crickets and artificial flies  
**Average Weight:** ¼ pound  
**Areas to Fish:** Along weed beds and spawning beds

**STUMP LAKE (Illinois River Backwater) — 1,036 Acres**

**Location:** Jersey County, 6 miles north of Grafton on Rt. 100  
**Months:** April, May, June, September and October  
**Baits:** Worms and crickets  
**Average Weight:** ½ pound  
**Areas to Fish:** Brush piles and submerged tree tops.

**TOMAHAWK LAKE (Moraine Hills State Park) — 9 Acres**

**Location:** McHenry County, 3 miles southeast of McHenry at Moraine Hills St. Pk.  
**Months:** January, February, April through September  
**Baits:** Wax worms, crickets and worms  
**Average Weight:** ¼ pound  
**Areas to Fish:** Along the shoreline and brush fish attractors

**WARRIOR LAKE (Moraine Hills State Park) — 20 Acres**

**Location:** McHenry County, 3 miles southeast of McHenry at Moraine Hills St. Pk.  
**Months:** April through September, January & February  
**Baits:** Crickets, worms and meal worms  
**Average Weight:** 1/3 pound  
**Areas to Fish:** Along shoreline and brush fish attractors

**WASHINGTON COUNTY LAKE — 295 Acres**

**Location:** Washington County, 7 miles south of Nashville  
**Months:** May and June  
**Baits:** Crickets, worms and meal worms  
**Average Weight:** 1/3 pound  
**Areas to Fish:** Spawning beds

**WELDON SPRINGS LAKE — 29 Acres**

**Location:** DeWitt County, 3 miles southeast of Clinton  
**Months:** May through October  
**Baits:** Nitecrawlers and redworms  
**Average Weight:** 1/3 to ½ pound  
**Areas to Fish:** Near fallen trees and weed beds

**WOLF LAKE — 415 Acres**

**Location:** Cook County, in Chicago  
**Months:** May through September  
**Baits:** Earthworms  
**Average Weight:** ¼ pound  
**Areas to Fish:** Anywhere in lake

**CRAPPIES**

**ANDERSON LAKE — 1,364 Acres**

**Location:** Fulton County, 8 miles south of Havana  
**Months:** April, May, September and October  
**Baits:** Worms  
**Average Weight:** 1/3 pound  
**Areas to Fish:** Near brush and submerged tree tops

**ARLINGTON LAKE — 57 Acres**

**Location:** Macoupin County, 6 miles southwest of Carlinville

**Months:** April, May, September, October  
**Baits:** Yellow jigs, minnows  
**Average Weight:** 1/3 pound  
**Areas to Fish:** Tree top fish attractors

**BIG LAKE (Silver Springs State Park) — 16 Acres**

**Location:** Kendall County, 1 mile south of Plano  
**Months:** May through September  
**Baits:** Live minnows  
**Average Weight:** 1/3 pound  
**Areas to Fish:** East end of Lake

**CANTON LAKE — 250 Acres**

**Location:** Fulton County, 2 miles east of Canton  
**Months:** April and May  
**Baits:** White crappie jigs  
**Average Weight:** 1/3 pound  
**Areas to Fish:** Over submerged brush

**CARLINVILLE LAKE — 168 Acres**

**Location:** Macoupin County, 2 miles south of Carlinville  
**Months:** April, May, September and October  
**Baits:** Minnows and jigs  
**Average Weight:** 1 pound  
**Areas to Fish:** Brush and trees

**CARLYLE LAKE — 24,580 Acres**

**Location:** Clinton, Bond and Fayette cunties; Carlyle, Keyesport and Boulder are adjacent to lake.  
**Months:** April, May, June, September and October  
**Baits:** Minnows and jigs  
**Average Weight:** ½ pound  
**Areas to Fish:** Flooded timber and brush in bays, rock rip-rap and tailwater.

**CEDAR LAKE — 1,750 Acres**

**Location:** Jackson County  
**Months:** March and April  
**Baits:** Minnows and jigs  
**Average Weight:** ½ pound  
**Areas to Fish:** Standing timber and brush

**CHANNEL-CATHERINE LAKE — 507 Acres (Fox Chain O'Lakes)**

**Location:** Lake County, 2 miles west of Antioch on Rt. 173  
**Months:** April through June, January and February  
**Baits:** Minnows and ice jigs  
**Average Weight:** ½ pound  
**Areas to Fish:** Channels

**CLINTON LAKE — 5,000 Acres**

**Location:** DeWitt County, 3 miles east of Clinton  
**Months:** April, May, September, October  
**Baits:** Minnows, jigs, small spinning lures  
**Average Weight:** ½ pound  
**Areas to Fish:** Flooded brush and timber, rip-rap

**DEFIANCE LAKE (MORaine HILLS STATE PARK) — 48 Acres**

**Location:** McHenry County, 3 miles southeast of McHenry at Moraine Hills State Park  
**Months:** April through June, January and February  
**Baits:** Minnows and jigs  
**Average Weight:** ½ pound  
**Areas to Fish:** Around brush fish attractors

**GREENVILLE NEW CITY LAKE — 775 Acres**

**Location:** Bond County  
**Months:** Spring and Fall  
**Baits:** Jigs and minnows  
**Average Weight:** ½ pound  
**Areas to Fish:** Brush

**HENNEPIN CANAL —**

**Location:** Bureau, Henry & Whiteside counties, Wyanet to Geneseo  
**Months:** May through September  
**Baits:** Minnows  
**Average Weight:** ¼ to ½ pound  
**Areas to Fish:** Brush

**JOHNSON SAUK TRAIL LAKE — 58 Acres**

**Location:** Henry County, 4 miles south of Annawan  
**Months:** April, May and September  
**Baits:** Minnows and jigs  
**Average Weight:** ½ pound  
**Areas to Fish:** Near fish attractors

**JONES LAKE — 105 Acres**

**Location:** Saline County, 4 miles southwest of Equality  
**Months:** April and October  
**Baits:** Jigs and Doll flies  
**Average Weight:** 1/3 pound  
**Areas to Fish:** Standing brush in spring; trolling along sout shoreline

**KASKASKIA RIVER — 20 Miles**

**Location:** Randolph & St. Clair counties, 2 miles west of Baldwin and at Evansville  
**Months:** April and May  
**Baits:** Minnows  
**Average Weight:** ½ to ¾ pound  
**Areas to Fish:** Side channels near and in brush

**KINKAID LAKE — 2,750 Acres**

**Location:** Jackson County, 3 miles northwest of Murphysboro  
**Months:** April  
**Baits:** Minnows and jigs  
**Average Weight:** ¾ pound  
**Areas to Fish:** Submerged tree tops and brush

**LAKE OF EGYPT — 2,300 Acres**

**Location:** Johnson County — 8 miles south of Marion  
**Months:** April, May, September, October  
**Baits:** Minnows  
**Average Weight:** ½ pound  
**Areas to Fish:** Brush, stickups

**LAKE MARIE (Fox Chain O'Lakes) — 480 Acres**

**Location:** Lake County, 3 miles west of Antioch on Rt. 173  
**Months:** March, April, October and November  
**Baits:** Small jigs and spinners  
**Average Weight:** ½ pound  
**Areas to Fish:** Channels

**LAKE LOU YEAGER — 1,700 Acres**

**Location:** Montgomery County, northeast edge of Litchfield  
**Months:** Spring and fall  
**Balts:** Jigs and minnows  
**Average Weight:** ½ pound  
**Areas to Fish:** Underwater structures and brush piles

**LAKE MURPHYSBORO — 145 Acres**

**Location:** Jackson County, 1 mile west of Murphysboro  
**Months:** April  
**Baits:** Minnows and jigs  
**Average Weight:** ½ pound  
**Areas to Fish:** Submerged tree tops, brush and fish attractors

**LAKE SHELBYVILLE — 11,100 Acres**

**Location:** Shelby & Moultrie counties, adjacent to Shelbyville, 2 miles east of Findlay, 4 miles south of Sullivan  
**Months:** April, May, June, September & October  
**Baits:** Minnows, jigs and small spinning lures  
**Average Weight:** 1/3 pound  
**Areas to Fish:** Flooded brush & timber, rock rip-rap and tailwater

**LAKE SPRINGFIELD — 4,234 Acres**

**Location:** Sangamon County, south edge of Springfield  
**Months:** Spring and fall  
**Baits:** Jigs and minnows  
**Average Weight:** ½ pound  
**Areas to Fish:** Underwater structures

**LINCOLN TRAIL — 146 Acres**

**Location:** Clark County, 2 miles south of Marshall  
**Months:** April, May, June and October  
**Baits:** Minnows and jigs  
**Average Weight:** ½ pound  
**Areas to Fish:** Around brush

**MISSISSIPPI RIVER, Pool 21, Willow Slough — 1.5 miles**

**Location:** Adams County, Quincy, IL  
**Months:** May-June, September-October  
**Baits:** Minnows and jigs  
**Average Weight:** ¼ - 1 pound  
**Areas to Fish:** Brush and shoreline cover

**NEWTON C.I.P.S. LAKE — 1,750 Acres**

**Location:** Jasper County, 8 miles southwest of Newton  
**Months:** Year around; hot water lake  
**Baits:** Minnows, jigs  
**Average Weight:** ½ pound  
**Areas to Fish:** Stickups

**PIERCE LAKE — 162 Acres**

**Location:** Winnebago County, 2 miles east of Loves Park  
**Months:** April-May; September-October  
**Baits:** Jigs, minnows  
**Average Weight:** 1/3 pound  
**Areas to Fish:** Fish cribs

**RACCOON LAKE — 970 Acres**

**Location:** Marion County, 1 mile northeast of Centralia  
**Months:** March, April, May, September & October  
**Baits:** Minnows & jigs  
**Average Weight:** 1/3 pound  
**Areas to Fish:** Along weed beds

**REND LAKE — 18,900 Acres**

**Location:** Franklin and Jefferson counties, 5 miles northwest of Benton, 3 miles east of Sessor  
**Months:** March to mid-June, September and October  
**Baits:** Minnows, jigs and spinner baits  
**Average Weight:** ½ pound  
**Areas to Fish:** Flooded brush & timber, river and creek channels

**SAM PARR LAKE — 180 Acres**

**Location:** Jasper County, 2½ miles northeast of Newton  
**Months:** April, May and June  
**Baits:** Minnows and jigs  
**Average Weight:** ½ pound  
**Areas to Fish:** Stickups and tree tops

**SANGCHRIS LAKE — 2,165 Acres**

**Location:** Christian County, 14 miles southeast of Springfield  
**Months:** Spring and fall  
**Baits:** Jigs and minnows  
**Average Weight:** ¾ to 1 pound  
**Areas to Fish:** Underwater structures, weed beds

**SHABBONA LAKE — 318 Acres**

**Location:** DeKalb County, 2 miles south of Shabbona  
**Months:** April-May and September-October  
**Baits:** Jigs and minnows  
**Average Weight:** 1/3 to ½ pound  
**Areas to Fish:** tree line

**STEPHEN FORBES LAKE — 525 Acres**

**Location:** Marion County, 4 miles east, 2 miles south of Kimmundy  
**Months:** April, May, September & October  
**Baits:** Minnows and jigs  
**Average Weight:** 1/3 pound  
**Areas to Fish:** Weed beds and submerged tree tops

**STUMP LAKE AREA (Illinois River Backwater) — 1,036 Acres**

**Location:** Jersey County, 6 miles north of Grafton off Rt. 100  
**Months:** April, May, September and October  
**Baits:** Minnows  
**Average Weight:** ½ to 1 pound  
**Areas to Fish:** Brush piles and submerged tree tops



**WELDON SPRINGS LAKE — 29 Acres**

**Location:** DeWitt County, 3 miles southeast of Clinton  
**Months:** March to July & September thru November  
**Baits:** Minnows & jigs  
**Average Weight:** ½ pound  
**Areas to Fish:** Fallen trees or weed beds

**REDEAR SUNFISH**

**DAWSON LAKE — 150 Acres**

**Location:** McLean County, 3 miles north of Leroy  
**Months:** May through October  
**Baits:** Red worms and nitecrawlers  
**Average Weight:** 1/3 to ½ pound  
**Areas to Fish:** Weed areas

**DOLAN LAKE — 71 Acres**

**Location:** Hamilton County, 8 miles southeast of McLeansboro  
**Months:** June  
**Baits:** Spinner worm combination  
**Average Weight:** 1/3 pound  
**Areas to Fish:** Spawning beds in shallow water (8-12 feet deep) in late summer.

**DUTCHMAN LAKE — 118 Acres**

**Location:** Johnson County, 3 miles S.E. of Goreville  
**Months:** May-June  
**Baits:** Crickets  
**Average Weight:** ½ pound  
**Areas to Fish:** Spawn beds

**HORSESHOE LAKE — 1,890 Acres**

**Location:** Alexander County, at Olive Branch  
**Months:** May and June  
**Baits:** Crickets  
**Average Weight:** ¾ pound  
**Areas to Fish:** Spawn beds

**JOHNSON SAUK TRAIL LAKE — 58 Acres**

**Location:** Henry County, 4 miles south to Annawan  
**Months:** June through September  
**Baits:** Crickets and worms  
**Average Weight:** 1/3 pound  
**Areas to Fish:** Entire Lake

**JONES LAKE — 105 Acres**

**Location:** Saline County, 4 miles southwest of Equality  
**Months:** May and June  
**Baits:** Worms and crickets  
**Average Weight:** ½ pound  
**Areas to Fish:** Fish attractors

**LAKE MURPHYSBORO — 145 Acres**

**Location:** Jackson County, 1 mile west of Murphysboro  
**Months:** May and June  
**Baits:** Crickets  
**Average Weight:** ¾ pound  
**Areas to Fish:** Spawn beds

**LINCOLN TRAIL STATE LAKE — 146 Acres**

**Location:** Clark County, 2 miles south of Marshall  
**Months:** May through September  
**Baits:** Worms and crickets  
**Average Weight:** ¾ pound  
**Areas to Fish:** Around brush and edge of weed beds

**SAM DALE LAKE — 194 Acres**

**Location:** Wayne County, 3 miles northwest of Johnsonville  
**Months:** April, May and June  
**Baits:** Worms and crickets  
**Average Weight:** 1/3 pound  
**Areas to Fish:** Shallow spawning areas up to 10 feet deep during summer

**SAM PARR LAKE — 180 Acres**

**Location:** Jasper County, 2½ miles northeast of Newton  
**Months:** April, May and June  
**Baits:** Worms and crickets  
**Average Weight:** ½ pound  
**Areas to Fish:** Stickups and deeper bays

**SILOAM SPRINGS — 58 Acres**

**Location:** Adams County, 3 miles southwest of Kellerville  
**Months:** May and June  
**Baits:** Crickets, redworms and meal worms  
**Average Weight:** 1/3 to ½ pound  
**Areas to Fish:** North and east arms

**WASHINGTON COUNTY LAKE — 295 Acres**

**Location:** Washington County, 7 miles south of Nashville  
**Months:** May  
**Baits:** Crickets, meal worms and red wigglers  
**Average Weight:** ½ to ¾ pound  
**Areas to Fish:** Spawning beds

**WHITE BASS**

**BALDWIN LAKE — 2,018 Acres**

**Location:** Randolph County, 3 miles north of Baldwin  
**Months:** January and February  
**Baits:** Spinner baits  
**Average Weight:** 1 pound  
**Areas to Fish:** At mouth of hot water discharge ditch

**CARLYLE LAKE — 24,580 Acres****Location:** Clinton, Bond & Fayette counties. Carlyle, Keyesport and Boulder are adjacent to lake  
**Months:** July, August & September  
**Baits:** Jigs, minnows and small spinning lures  
**Average Weight:** 2/3 pound  
**Areas to Fish:** Around islands, rip-rap, points, tailwaters and submerged knobs.

**CRAB ORCHARD LAKE — 6,965 Acres**

**Location:** Williamson County, 4 miles east of Carbondale  
**Months:** June

**Baits:** Spinners (½ oz. or smaller)  
**Average Weight:** ½ pound  
**Areas to Fish:** Open water in main basin (look for schooling fish)

**ILLINOIS RIVER —**

**Location:** La Salle County, at Starved Rock State Park  
**Months:** May and June  
**Baits:** Spinners  
**Average Weight:** ¾ pound  
**Areas to Fish:** Rocky shore of island and tailwater (below dam)

**LAKE MARIE (Fox Chain O'Lakes) — 480 Acres**

**Location:** Lake County, 3 miles west of Antioch on Rt. 173  
**Months:** April, May, June and January  
**Baits:** Ice jigs  
**Average Weight:** 1 pound  
**Areas to Fish:** Channels and sand bars, moving deeper as summer progresses

**LAKE SHELBYVILLE — 11,100 Acres**

**Location:** Shelby and Moultrie counties, adjacent to Shelbyville, 2 miles east of Findlay, 4 miles south of Sullivan  
**Months:** May through September  
**Baits:** Jigs, small spinning lures and minnows  
**Average Weight:** ¾ pound  
**Areas to Fish:** Points, rock rip-rap, Kaskaskia River, flooded flats and tailwaters

**LAKE SPRINGFIELD — 4,234 Acres**

**Location:** Sangamon County, south edge of Springfield  
**Months:** Spring and fall  
**Baits:** Small spinners and jigs  
**Average Weight:** ½ pound  
**Areas to Fish:** Open waters

**MISSISSIPPI RIVER, POOL 18, BOSTON BAY — 1.5 Miles**

**Location:** Mercer County, New Boston, IL  
**Months:** May, August-September  
**Baits:** Jigs and spinner baits  
**Average Weight:** 1½ pounds  
**Areas to Fish:** Open water where schools of shad or minnows breaking surface

**MISSISSIPPI RIVER, SYLVAN SLOUGH**

**Location:** Rock Island County, in Moline  
**Months:** April, May, August and September  
**Baits:** Jigs, minnows and spinners  
**Average Weight:** ½ to 1 pound

**PISTAKEE LAKE (Fox Chain O'Lakes) — 1,700 Acres**

**Location:** Lake County, Fox Lake  
**Months:** May - September, January and February  
**Baits:** Spinners, jigs, minnows  
**Average Weight:** ½ pound  
**Areas to Fish:** Around islands

**REND LAKE — 18,900 Acres**

**Location:** Franklin & Jefferson counties, 5 miles northwest of Benton, 3 miles east of Sesser  
**Months:** June through September  
**Baits:** Small spinning lures, jigs and minnows  
**Average Weight:** ½ pound  
**Areas to Fish:** Points, rock rip-rap and around islands

**SANGCHRIS LAKE — 2,165 Acres**

**Location:** Christian County, 14 miles southeast of Springfield  
**Months:** Spring and fall  
**Baits:** Small spinners and jigs  
**Average Weight:** 1 to 2 pounds  
**Areas to Fish:** Middle and west arms

**BULLHEADS**

**CANTON LAKE — 250 Acres**

**Location:** Fulton County, 2 miles east of Canton  
**Months:** April and May  
**Average Weight:** ½ to ¾ pounds  
**Areas to Fish:** Upper shallow end

**COLLINS LAKE — 1,995 Acres**

**Location:** Grundy County, 1 mile south and 6 miles east of Morris  
**Months:** April to September  
**Baits:** Nitecrawlers, worms  
**Average Weight:** ¾ pound  
**Areas to Fish:** Shoreline

**HILLSBORO NEW CITY LAKE**

**Location:** Montgomery County  
**Months:** Spring, summer, fall  
**Baits:** Worms, liver  
**Average Weight:** ½ pound  
**Areas to Fish:** Shoreline, bays

**PIERCE LAKE — 162 Acres**

**Location:** Winnebago County, 2 miles east of Rockford  
**Months:** April through September  
**Baits:** Worms  
**Average Weight:** ½ pound  
**Areas to Fish:** Shoreline

**REND LAKE — 18,900 Acres**

**Location:** Franklin & Jefferson counties, 5 miles northwest of Benton, 3 miles east of Sesser  
**Months:** April, May, June and July  
**Baits:** Worms, crayfish and bait shrimp  
**Average Weight:** ½ pound  
**Areas to Fish:** Shallow bays, along shoreline of rivers & creeks, channels and tailwaters

**SCHUY-RUSH LAKE — 225 Acres**

**Location:** Schuyler County, 2 miles southwest of Rushville  
**Months:** May, June and August  
**Baits:** Worms and small crayfish  
**Average Weight:** 1 pound  
**Areas to Fish:** Upper end

**STUMP LAKE — 1,036 Acres**

**Location:** Jersey County, 6 miles north of Grafton on Rt. 100  
**Months:** April through July, September & October  
**Baits:** Worms, shrimp and crawdads  
**Average Weight:** 1 pound  
**Areas to Fish:** Submerged tree trunks & brush piles

**WASHINGTON COUNTY LAKE — 295 Acres**

**Location:** Washington County, 7 miles south of Nashville  
**Months:** April through August  
**Baits:** Worms and nitecrawlers  
**Average Weight:** ¾ pound  
**Areas to Fish:** Shallow bays

**CARP**

**CARLYLE LAKE — 24,580 Acres**

**Location:** Clinton, Bond and Fayette counties, Carlyle, Boulder and Keyesport adjoin the lake  
**Months:** June through September  
**Baits:** Worms and dough balls  
**Average Weight:** 2 pounds  
**Areas to Fish:** Bays, shoreline areas and tailwaters

**CLINTON LAKE — 5,000 Acres**

**Location:** DeWitt County, 3 miles of Clinton  
**Months:** June through September  
**Baits:** Worms and doughballs  
**Average Weight:** 3 pounds  
**Areas to Fish:** Shoreline and bays

**COLLINS LAKE — 1,955 Acres**

**Location:** Grundy County, 1 mile south and 6 miles east of Morris  
**Months:** April to September  
**Baits:** Doughballs, prepared baits  
**Average Weight:** 2 pounds  
**Areas to Fish:** Shoreline

**HENNEPIN CANAL —**

**Location:** Bureau, Henry and Whiteside counties, Wyanet to Geneseo  
**Months:** June, July and August  
**Baits:** Worms  
**Average Weight:** 4 pounds  
**Areas to Fish:** Shoreline and snags

**FOX RIVER (McHenry Dam)**

**Location:** McHenry County, 2 miles southeast of McHenry off River Road  
**Months:** May through October  
**Baits:** Worms and dough bait  
**Average Weight:** 2 to 5 pounds  
**Areas to Fish:** Above or below dam long park frontage

**ILLINOIS RIVER —**

**Location:** Mason County, at Havana  
**Months:** May through September  
**Baits:** Worms and dough balls  
**Average Weight:** 2 pounds  
**Areas to Fish:** Conservation Department's Havana Fisheries Station

**KANKAKEE RIVER — 59 Miles**

**Location:** Kankakee and Will counties  
**Months:** May through September  
**Baits:** Dough balls  
**Average Weight:** 6 pounds  
**Areas to Fish:** State line in early fall, backwaters at Des Plaines Conservation Area, pools behind dams at Kankakee & Wilmington

**LAKE CHARLESTON — 359 Acres**

**Location:** Coles County, 2 miles southeast of Charleston  
**Months:** May through September  
**Baits:** Worms and dough balls  
**Average Weight:** 3 pounds  
**Areas to Fish:** Along shoreline

**MISSISSIPPI RIVER — 220 Miles**

**Location:** Madison to Alexander counties  
**Months:** May through September  
**Baits:** Worms and dough baits  
**Average Weight:** 2 pounds  
**Areas to Fish:** Shoreline and backwaters

**REND LAKE — 18,900 Acres**

**Location:** Franklin & Jefferson counties, 5 miles northwest of Benton, 3 miles east of Sesser  
**Months:** June through September  
**Baits:** Worms and dough bait  
**Average Weight:** 1¾ pounds  
**Areas to Fish:** Shallow bays, river and creek channels & tailwaters

**ROCK RIVER**

**Location:** Winnebago to Rock Island counties, Rockford to Milan  
**Months:** June, July and August  
**Baits:** Worms and dough baits  
**Average Weight:** 3 pounds  
**Areas to Fish:** Shoreline and snags

**STUMP LAKE (Illinois River Backwater) — 1,036 Acres**

**Location:** Jersey County, 6 miles north of Grafton on Rt. 100  
**Months:** April through October  
**Baits:** Dough baits and worms  
**Average Weight:** 2 pounds  
**Areas to Fish:** Submerged tree tops

**NORTHERN PIKE**

**CHANNEL-CATHERINE LAKE — 507 Acres**

**Location:** Lake County, 3 miles west of Antioch on Rt. 173  
**Months:** April through June, September through November  
**Baits:** Live minnows and artificial lures  
**Average Weight:** 5 pounds  
**Areas to Fish:** Off sandbar at north end along edge of weed beds

**EAST LOON LAKE — 165 Acres**

**Location:** Lake County, 2 miles south of Antioch on Rt. 83  
**Months:** April, May, October, January & February



**Baits:** Golden shiners, spoons and flatfish  
**Average Weight:** 3 pounds  
**Areas to Fish:** Off weed beds  
**KANKAKEE RIVER BACKWATER AREAS — 59 Miles**  
**Location:** Will and Kankakee counties  
**Months:** Spring and fall  
**Baits:** Live bait, shiners and suckers  
**Average Weight:** 5 pounds  
**Areas to Fish:** Early spring, backwater areas, Des Plaines Conservation area backwaters; Summer & fall - backwater ebb areas downstream sluggish water behind islands and ebb areas formed by tributaries to Kankakee River.

**LAKE LE AQUA-NA — 43 Acres**  
**Location:** Stephenson County, 3 miles north of Lena  
**Months:** April through October  
**Baits:** Artificial lures  
**Average Weight:** 2½ to 3 pounds  
**Areas to Fish:** Upper shoreline and weed beds

**LAKE MARIE — 480 Acres**  
**Location:** Lake County, 3 miles west of Antioch on Rt. 173  
**Months:** April through June, September through November  
**Baits:** Live minnows and artificial lures  
**Average Weight:** 5 pounds  
**Areas to Fish:** Along north shoreline

**LAKE ZURICH — 220 Acres**  
**Location:** Lake County, in Village of Lake Zurich  
**Months:** April through June  
**Baits:** Golden roaches and artificial lures  
**Average Weight:** 3½ pounds  
**Areas to Fish:** Along edge of weed beds

**PIERCE LAKE — 162 Acres**  
**Location:** Winnebago County, 2 miles east of Rockford  
**Months:** April through September  
**Baits:** Artificial baits  
**Average Weight:** 3 pounds  
**Areas to Fish:** Shoreline and weed beds

**SPRING LAKE (SOUTH HALF) — 610 Acres**  
**Location:** Tazewell County, 4 miles west of Manito  
**Months:** March, April, May  
**Baits:** Shiners  
**Average Weight:** 3 pounds  
**Areas to Fish:** In springs and "Pike Hole"

**STIRLING LAKE — 73 Acres**  
**Location:** Lake County, Route 173 & Route 41  
**Months:** May, September, January and February  
**Baits:** Large minnows, artificial lures  
**Average Weight:** 4 pounds  
**Areas to Fish:** Along shoreline

**WOLF LAKE — 415 Acres**  
**Location:** Cook County, in Chicago  
**Months:** Early spring  
**Baits:** Live shiners  
**Average Weight:** 5 pounds  
**Areas to Fish:** Weedy sections of lake

**WALLEYE**  
**CARLYLE LAKE — 24,580 Acres**  
**Location:** Clinton, Bond and Fayette counties, at Carlyle, Keyesport and Boulder  
**Months:** June through October  
**Baits:** Spinning lures, jigs and deep running plugs  
**Average Weight:** 2 pounds  
**Areas to Fish:** Rock rip-rap, around islands and tailwater

**CEDAR LAKE — 1,750 Acres**  
**Location:** Jackson Cunty, 4 miles southwest of Carbondale  
**Months:** April  
**Baits:** Bombers, artificial lures trolled over points  
**Average Weight:** 7 pounds  
**Areas to Fish:** Points and shelves

**CLINTON LAKE — 5,000 Acres**  
**Location:** DeWitt County, 3 miles east of Clinton  
**Months:** April through October  
**Baits:** Jigs, minnows and artificial lures  
**Average Weight:** 1.5 to 2.5 pounds  
**Areas to Fish:** Shoreline, rocky shelves, points and rip-rap around bridges

**COLLINS LAKE — 1,955 Acres**  
**Location:** Grundy County, 1 mile south and 6 miles east of Morris  
**Months:** April to September  
**Baits:** Nitecrawlers, minnows, artificial lures  
**Average Weight:** 1 pound  
**Areas to Fish:** Shoreline, troll open water

**FOX LAKE (Chain O'Lakes) — 1,700 Acres**  
**Location:** Lake County, Fox Lake, Illinois  
**Months:** April, May, June, September and October  
**Baits:** Artificial lures, minnows and plastic worms  
**Average Weight:** 2 pounds  
**Areas to Fish:** Mineola Bay, west side

**KANKAKEE RIVER — 59 Miles**  
**Location:** Will and Kankakee counties  
**Months:** Early spring, mid-summer and fall  
**Baits:** Artificial lures  
**Average Weight:** 3 pounds  
**Areas to Fish:** Early spring - south of tributaries and below Kankakee, Willington & Mokence dams mid-summer - below Rt. 53 bridge in Willington fall - below dams

**LAKE MARIE (Fox Chain O'Lakes) — 480 Acres**  
**Location:** Lake County, 3 miles west of Antioch on Rt. 173  
**Months:** April, May, June, September and October  
**Baits:** Live bait, shiners and suckers  
**Average Weight:** 5 pounds  
**Areas to Fish:** Along north shoreline

**LAKE SHELBYVILLE — 11,100 Acres**  
**Location:** Shelby & Moultrie counties, adjacent to Shelbyville, 2 miles east of Findlay, 4 miles south of Sullivan  
**Months:** April, May, June and September  
**Baits:** Jigs and minnow combination and spinning lines  
**Average Weight:** 2 pounds  
**Areas to Fish:** Flooded ridges, drop off, flats, Kashakia River and tailwater

**Mississippi River Pool 12**  
**Location:** JoDaviess County  
**Months:** March, April, October  
**Baits:** Minnows  
**Average Weight:** 1 to 3 pounds  
**Areas to Fish:** Below wing dams

**MISSISSIPPI RIVER POOL 13**  
**Location:** JoDaviess & Carroll counties  
**Months:** March, April, October  
**Baits:** Minnows  
**Average Weight:** 1 to 3 pounds  
**Areas to Fish:** Below Lock & Dam 12; below wing dams

**MISSISSIPPI RIVER, POOL 18**  
**Location:** Mercer county, 4 miles northwest of New Boston  
**Months:** April and October  
**Baits:** Minnows and jigs  
**Average Weight:** 1 to 3 pounds  
**Areas to Fish:** Tailwater on Dam 17

**PISTAKEE LAKE (Fox Chain O'Lakes) — 1,700 Acres**  
**Location:** Lake County, Fox Lake  
**Months:** April - June September and October  
**Baits:** Jigs, artificial lures, plastic worms  
**Average Weight:** 3 pounds  
**Areas to Fish:** Around islands

**SMALLMOUTH BASS**  
**FOX RIVER**  
**Location:** LaSalle County, at Ottawa  
**Months:** April, May and June  
**Baits:** Minnows and spinner baits  
**Average Weight:** 1 pound  
**Areas to Fish:** Drop-offs near rocky ledges

**IROQUOIS RIVER — 50 Miles**  
**Location:** Iroquois County,Iroquois to Aroma Park  
**Months:** April through June  
**Baits:** Spinners, crayfish and earth worms  
**Average Weight:** 1 pounds  
**Areas to Fish:** Deep pools near brush piles

**KANKAKEE RIVER — 59 Miles**  
**Location:** Kankakee & Will counties  
**Months:** April, May and August  
**Baits:** Spinners, crayfish and earth worms  
**Average Weight:** 1½ pounds  
**Areas to Fish:** Below dams at Kankakee, Wilmington & Mokence, mouth of small tributar streams in early spring

**KISHWAUKEE RIVER**  
**Location:** Winnebago County, at Kishwaukee Forest Preserve, 2 miles south of Rockford  
**Months:** April through June, September  
**Baits:** Spinners, worms, minnows  
**Average Weight:** 1 to 2 pounds  
**Areas to Fish:** Deep pools and riffles

**MIDDLE FORK VERMILION RIVER — 50 Miles**  
**Location:** Champaign & Vermilion counties, from Penfield to Oakwood  
**Months:** April to June  
**Baits:** Small spinners and nitecrawlers  
**Average Weight:** 1 to 2 pounds  
**Areas to Fish:** Deep pools near brush

**ROCK RIVER**  
**Location:** Ogle County, at Grand Detour  
**Months:** May and June  
**Baits:** Spinners  
**Average Weight:** ¾ pound  
**Areas to Fish:** Riffles and areas of fast current

**ROCK RIVER**  
**Location:** Whiteside County, below dam at Sterling  
**Months:** May and June  
**Baits:** Spinner baits  
**Average Weight:** ¾ pound  
**Areas to Fish:** Riffles and fast current

**STIRLING LAKE — 73 Acres**  
**Location:** Lake County, Route 173 & Route 41  
**Months:** April - June, January and February  
**Baits:** Spinners, lures, plastic worms  
**Average Weight:** 2 pounds  
**Areas to Fish:** Drop-offs near shore

**FLATHEAD CATFISH**  
**CARLYLE LAKE — 24,580 Acres**  
**Location:** Clinton, Bond & Fayette counties, at Carlyle, Boulder and Keyesport  
**Months:** June through September  
**Baits:** Shad, green sunfish, large shiners and chubs and 1 pound carp and dogfish

**Average Weight:** 30 pounds  
**Areas to Fish:** Rock rip-rap, river and creek channels and tailwater  
**KASKASKIA RIVER — 25 Miles**  
**Location:** Randolph County  
**Months:** May through September  
**Baits:** Worms, cut bait and chubs  
**Average Weight:** 5 pounds  
**Areas to Fish:** Rock rip-rap, deep holes and brush

**LAKE SPRINGFIELD — 4,234 Acres**  
**Location:** Sangamon County, south edge of Springfield  
**Months:** Spring, summer and fall  
**Baits:** Shad and prepared cheese baits

**Average Weight:** 5 pounds  
**Areas to Fish:** Rip-rap and points  
**ROCK RIVER — 14 Miles**  
**Location:** Lee and Whiteside counties, River pool between Sterling and Dixon and at Grand Detour.  
**Months:** June through September  
**Baits:** Live bluegill  
**Average Weight:** 20 to 40 pounds  
**Areas to Fish:** Deep holes

**BLUE CATFISH**  
**WABASH RIVER**  
**Location:** Wabash County, 2 miles southeast of Grayville  
**Months:** June, July, August and September  
**Baits:** Crayfish, shrimp and stink bait  
**Average Weight:** 3 pounds  
**Areas to Fish:** Below fast water of old dam.

**FRESHWATER DRUM**  
**COLLINS LAKE — 1,955 Acres**  
**Location:** Grundy County, 1 mile south and 6 miles east of Morris  
**Months:** April to September  
**Baits:** Nitecrawlers, minnows, artificial lures  
**Average Weight:** 1½ pounds  
**Areas to Fish:** Shoreline, troll open water

**ILLINOIS RIVER**  
**Location:** Mason County, at Havana  
**Months:** May through September  
**Baits:** Worms and minnows  
**Average Weight:** 1 pound  
**Areas to Fish:** Conservation Department's Havana Fisheries Station

**MUSKELLUNGE — TIGER MUSKIE**  
**CLINTON LAKE (Tiger Muskie) — 5,000 Acres**  
**Location:** DeWitt County, 3 miles east of Clinton  
**Months:** April, May, September, October  
**Baits:** Bucktail spinner  
**Average Weight:** 6-8 pounds  
**Areas to Fish:** Weed beds, underwater bars

**LAKE SHELBYVILLE (MUSKIE) — 11,100 Acres**  
**Location:** Shelby & Moultrie counties adjacent to Shelbyville, 2 miles east of Findlay, 4 miles south of Sullivan.  
**Months:** April, May, September, October  
**Baits:** Large bucktail spinners, eddy juniors  
**Average Weight:** 6 pounds  
**Areas to Fish:** Rock bars and off gravel points flooded vegetation in spring

**STRIPED BASS — STRIPED BASS HYBRIDS**  
**CLINTON LAKE (Hybrids) — 5,000 Acres**  
**Location:** DeWitt County, 3 miles east of Clinton  
**Months:** Spring through fall  
**Baits:** Spoons, spinners  
**Average Weight:** 2 pounds  
**Areas to Fish:** Submerged bars, rip-rap

**COLLINS LAKE — 1,955 Acres**  
**Location:** Grundy County, 1 mile south and 6 miles east of Morris  
**Months:** April to September  
**Baits:** Minnows, artificial lures  
**Average Weight:** 4.5 pounds  
**Areas to Fish:** Shoreline, troll open water

**HILLSBORO NEW CITY LAKE — 1,200 Acres**  
**Location:** Montgomery County  
**Months:** Spring through fall  
**Baits:** Crank baits, spoons, minnows  
**Average Weight:** 1 to 3 pounds  
**Areas to Fish:** Points, creel channels

**LAKE MICHIGAN**  
**Location:** Cook and Lake Counties, entire Illinois portion.

**COHO SALMON**  
**Months:** April, May and June, Sept. 16 through Dec. 31 snagging at designated area (see snagging regulations).  
**Baits:** Nitecrawlers and small alewives in April from breakwaters and piers; trolling offshore in May and June using plugs, spoons, flies, squids and whole alewives.  
**Average Weight:** 2 lbs. in spring to 6 lbs. in fall.  
**Areas to Fish:** Troll mid-depths to surface at water temperatures from 52 degrees F. to 59 degrees F.

**CHINOOK SALMON**  
**Months:** August, September and October; also Sept. 16 through Dec. 31 snagging at designated areas (see snagging regulations).  
**Baits:** Casting from harbor mouths and shoreline, and trolling from boats using plugs, spoons and whole alewives; also still fishing with spawn and alewives.  
**Average Weight:** 7 pounds in spring to 15 pounds in fall.  
**Areas to Fish:** Trolling where water temperature is from 52 degrees F. to 59 degrees F.; in September and October close to shoreline and in harbors.

**BROWN TROUT**  
**Months:** March through August  
**Baits:** Nitecrawlers, spawn, spoons, spinners and alewives.  
**Average Weight:** 4 pounds.  
**Areas to Fish:** From piers and breakwaters along shoreline, and at warm water discharges when lake is cold.

**RAINBOW TROUT (STEELHEAD)**  
**Months:** June through August trolling; April, May, September and October shore fishing.  
**Baits:** Nitecrawlers, spawn, alewives, spoons, flies and squid.  
**Average Weight:** 5 lbs.  
**Areas to Fish:** From piers and breakwaters along shoreline; trolling offshore in water where temperature is near 55 degrees, and at warm water discharges when lake is cold.



## LAKE TROUT

**Months:** June through September

**Baits:** Trolled spoons

**Average Weight:** 6 pounds

**Areas to Fish:** Troll from mid-depths to bottom in water where temperature is near 50 degrees F.

## YELLOW PERCH

**Months:** May through September; January, February

**Baits:** Redworms, minnows, crayfish, spinners and jigs; grubs, maggots in winter.

**Average Weight:** 1/3 pound

**Areas to Fish:** From piers and breakwaters in rocky areas and harbors.

## SMELT

**Months:** April and May

**Methods:** Small mesh gill nets, dip nets, and seines. (See regulations for legal sizes of nets.)

**Areas to Fish:** Chicago Park District properties (check local seasonal regulations), from piers and breakwaters, and seining along shoreline at Illinois Beach State Park.

## PCB'S in Lake Michigan Fish

Polychlorinated biphenyls (PCB's) accumulate in the fat of fish living in waters which have received discharges or fallout from the air containing PCB's. Low fat species, such as yellow perch, smelt and chubs, do not accumulate PCB's to the same extent as the larger fish of the high fat species including trout and salmon. The Illinois Department of Public Health has advised that Lake Michigan salmon and trout may be contaminated with PCB's levels that exceed standards set by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration. The Department of Public Health has advised that fish consumers refrain from eating "coho salmon, chinook salmon, lake, rainbow and brown trout more than one meal per week of these species if these fish weigh seven (7) pounds or more." Fish that weigh less than seven pounds may be eaten safely. Also, women who are or could become pregnant, adolescent girls, nursing mothers and preschool-age children should eat none of above mentioned fish which weigh seven pounds or more.

Levels of PCB's can be reduced by removing the skin and all fatty portions of the fish along the back, side and belly. Barbecuing, broiling or any other cooking method which removes additional oils and fats should be utilized when preparing fish that may contain excessive levels of PCB's.

## AREAS OPEN TO SNAGGING

Snagging for chinook and coho salmon only is permitted from the following Lake Michigan shoreline areas from September 16 through December 31; however, no snagging is allowed at any time within 200 feet of a moored watercraft or as otherwise posted:

- (1) Lincoln Park Lagoon from the Fullerton Avenue Bridge to the southern end of the Lagoon.
- (2) Waukegan Harbor
- (3) Discharge channel and bay area formed by the landfill at Northwestern University, Evanston (not in Lagoon).
- (4) Winnetka Power Plant discharge area and the Waukegan Power Plant discharge area.
- (5) Jackson Harbor (inner and outer harbors).

## CHARTER BOAT FISHING ON LAKE MICHIGAN

Charter boats are available for salmon and trout fishing on half and full day trips April through October. For further information call the Department of Conservation's Chicago Office - 312/793-2070.

# FISHING GUIDE TO COOK COUNTY FOREST PRESERVE WATERS

This guide lists Cook County forest preserve waters open to public fishing, and also the location, size, depth and principal kinds of fish in each water area. Where available, public transportation is also noted.

Depth contour maps of many lakes in the Forest Preserve District have been completed and are available upon request from: Cook County Forest Preserve District, Conservation Department, 536 N. Harlem Ave., River Forest, Illinois 60305. Others are being worked on. We hope to have all of the major water areas mapped in 3 or 4 years.

### FISHING REGULATIONS

The Cook County Forest Preserve District works closely with the Illinois Department of Conservation in managing these waters for hook and line fishing. With one major exception, State rules and regulations hold true for fishing in the preserves. The exception: **Bow and arrow fishing for rough fish is not permitted in the preserves.** All waters in the forest preserves are designated fish preserves. Fishermen are limited to two lines with no more than two hooks per line and no trolley lines.

Special regulations regarding bag and size limits imposed on designated waters will be posted at the waters.

A valid Illinois hook and line fishing license is required except for persons that are under 16, disabled or blind, or over 65 years of age. In addition, anyone required to have a valid fishing license must have a State trout and salmon stamp when fishing for trout within the Forest Preserve District trout lakes.

Daily limits, length limits and closed seasons have been removed from all fish found in forest preserve waters, with three exceptions. These are: **no more than 6 largemouth bass or smallmouth bass, regardless of size, may be taken in one day; no more than 3 norther pike may be taken in one day (and these must be 24 inches long or longer); and no more than 5 trout may be taken in one day.** Use of minnow seine is not allowed except in the Des Plaines River for bait collecting.

**Special Forest Preserve Regulations** regarding size limits on bass will be imposed on designated waters of the District and these special rules will be so posted. These experimental regulations are to prevent the excessive removal of bass, and to improve the fishing thru protection of our major predator fish. We ask the fishing public to

respect and obey these regulations on lakes so posted.

**Ice Fishing** is permitted on designated forest preserve lakes during winter months when the ice has become 4 or more inches thick. Public announcements are made in the news media when conditions permit such fishing and which lakes are open during each year.

### ILLEGAL ACTIONS

It is unlawful to release any fish (including minnows or goldfish) in any Cook County waters, except in the Waters from which they were taken, without having first secured permission from the Conservation Department of the Cook County Forest Preserve District.

It is illegal to abandon, deposit or throw any wire, can, bottle, glass, paper, trash, rubbish, cardboard boxes, wood cartons, trees, parts of trees, brush or other insoluble material (including animal or vegetable material) into the waters or on the ice of any waters of the County.

### BOATING REGULATIONS

No private watercraft is allowed on Cook County Forest Preserve District waters, except as listed below under BOATING WATERS. (No private watercraft permitted on District waters overnight. No outboard or electric motors allowed on District waters except as listed). **ACCEPTABLE WATER CRAFT AS PER CURRENT FOREST PRESERVE DISTRICT REGULATIONS.**

#### BOATING WATERS (Motors Allowed)

**Des Plaines River:** Wheeling, Ill. to Lemohd, Ill. for all watercraft. One ramp at Plank Rd. Meadow which is located N. of Ogden Ave. just E. of First Ave. in Lyons, Ill.

**Little Calumet River:** for all watercraft. Two ramps; one north of Jackson St. E. of Ashland Ave.; the other is S. of 131st St., W. of the Calumet Expressway.

#### BOATING WATERS (No Motors)

**Beck Lake:** N. of Central Rd., E. of River Rd. Sailboats, canoes and rowboats. Launching ramps available off of parking area.

**Big Bend Lake:** SW. corner of Golf and Bender Roads. Sailboats, canoes and rowboats. Launching ramp available off of parking area.

**Busse Lake:** S. of Higgins Rd., between I-290 (Rt. 53) and Arlington Heights Rd. Sailboats, canoes and rowboats are allowed in the South Pool and the Main Lake. Access to ramps off of Higgins Rd. just E. of I-290 (Rt. 53).

**Skokie Lagoons:** N. of Willow Rd., S. of Lake-Cook Rd., E. of the Edens Expressway. Parking and launching ramp S. of Tower Rd., E. of the Edens. For Sailboats, canoes and rowboats.

**I & M Canal:** Willow Springs area — enter at Willow Springs Rd. — Canoes only.

**Powderhorn Lake:** N. of Brainard Ave., E. of Burnham Ave. Sailboats, canoes and rowboats.

**Maple Lake:** S. of 95th St., W. of Willow Springs Rd. Rowboat rental — no private rowboats.

**Saganashkee Slough:** S. of 95th St., W. of Willow Springs Rd. This Slough is drained and under shoreline repair and engineering study for proposed deepening to reestablish a game-fish population.

**Tampier Lake:** W. of Wolf Rd., S. of 131st St. Rowboat rental. Private rowboats. Launch from west parking lot only.

### COOK COUNTY FOREST PRESERVE

#### FISHING WATERS

**AXEHEAD LAKE:** On the corner of Touhy Ave. and River Rd. E. of Tri-State Tollway. Area 17 acres. Depths to 31 feet. Largemouth bass, perch, bluegill, sunfishes, bullheads. Trout are stocked each spring. Depth contour map is available.

**BECK LAKE:** Two and one-half miles NE of Des Plaines, N. off of Central Rd., ¼ mile W. of Tri-State Tollway. Area 38 acres. Depths to 21 feet. Sailboats, canoes, rowboats permitted. Launch ramp available. Largemouth bass, bluegill, perch, channel catfish, bullheads. Depth contour map is available.

**BELLEAU LAKE:** W. of Tri-State Tollway off Busse Hwy. Area 12 acres. Depths to 35 feet. Largemouth bass, bluegill, yellow perch, bullhead. Trout are stocked each spring. Depth contour map is available.

**BELLY DEEP SLOUGH:** Between U.S. 45 and Kean Ave., ½ mile S. of 95th St. Parking of E. side of U.S. 45. Area 15 acres. Depths to 5 feet. Lake suffered a drastic fish kill the winter of 1976-77. Rough fish only remain. Depth contour map is available.

**BIG BEND LAKE:** NE of Des Plaines at SW corner of Golf and Bender Rd. Area 22 acres. Depths to 25 feet. This entire lake area closed to all usage, including fishing, due to extensive construction changing lake depths and shoreline profiles.

**BODE LAKES:** Two lakes, 3 miles N. of Hanover Park, 4 miles E. of Elgin on Bode Rd., 1 mile W. of Barrington Rd. Combined area 20 acres. Depths to 24 feet in South Lake. Largemouth bass, bluegill, crappie, northern pike, sunfishes, carp, bullhead. Depth contour map is available.

**BULLFROG LAKE:** Two miles SW of Willow Springs, ½ mile S. of 95th St. off of Wolf Rd. Area 16 acres. Depths to 11 feet. This lake suffered winter kill in 1978-79, lake renovated in fall of 1979. Will reopen to fishing in the fall of 1981.

**BUSSE LAKE:** South of Higgins Rd. between Interstate 290 and Arlington Heights Rd. Total area of 589 acres. Depths to 14 feet. Three separate bodies of water: N. lateral pool (24 acres); S. lateral pool (146 acres); main lake (419 acres). S. lateral pool (146 acres); main lake (419 acres). Sailboats, canoes and rowboats permitted on main lake S. of Higgins Rd. and on S. lateral pool. Fishes to be stocked are: Largemouth bass, bluegill, bullhead, northern pike, sunfishes.

**CERMAK QUARRY:** Near Cermak Swimming pool on Ogden Ave ½ mile W. of Harlem Ave. in the Village of Lyons. Area 2 acres. Depths to 19 feet. Largemouth bass, bluegill, sunfish, bullhead, channel catfish.

**DEER GROVE LAKE:** In Deer Grove Forest Preserve, N. of Dundee Rd., W. of Quentins Rd., NW of Palatine. Area 5 acres. Depths to 5 feet. Bluegill, sunfishes, bullhead.

**DES PLAINES RIVER:** This largest natural stream in Cook County winds 50 miles between Wheeling and Lemont with 30 miles bordered by Forest Preserves. Cleaner waters, best fishing are between Wheeling and Rosemont. Has northern pike, largemouth bass, bluegill, sunfishes, bullhead, crappie, channel catfish, yellow bass, carp, goldfish, suckers. Open to all boating (with one ramp in Lyons, N. of Ogden Ave., E. of First Ave.; another launching site in Willow Springs, W. of Willow Springs Rd. on N. bank of River). Public transportation to river.

**FLATFOOT LAKE:** Two miles NE of Dolton on W. side of Calumet Expressway (with entrance from expressway going S.). Area 15 acres. Depths to 17 feet. Largemouth bass, bluegill, sunfishes, bullhead, carp, goldfish, perch. Depth contour map is available.

**HORSETAIL LAKE:** On E. side of Willow Springs Rd. (104th Ave.), N. of McCarthy Rd. (123rd St.). Area 11 acres. Depths to 26 feet. Deepened and shoreline repaired in 1973-75. Restocked in 1976 with largemouth bass, bluegill, channel catfish. Depth contour map is available.

**IDA LAKE:** One-half mile S. of Highway 66 and 1 mile N. of Interstate 55 on W. side of Mannheim Rd. (U.S. 45). Area 10 acres. Depths to 16 feet. Largemouth bass, bluegill, sunfishes, bullhead, carp.

**JOE'S POND:** On W. Side of Willow Springs Rd (104th Ave.). 1 mile S. of 95th St. Area 8 acres. Depths to 11 feet. Suffered a complete kill of major game fishes in 1976-77 winter. Bluegill, bullhead and carp available. Will have the fish population renovated in 1981.

**MAPLE LAKE:** Located on the S. side of 95th St., ½ mile W. of Willow Springs Rd. (104th Ave.). Four parking areas around the lake. Rowboat rental for fishing and pleasure at the W. parking lot off of Wolf Rd. from April through October. Area 55 acres. Depths to 22 feet. Can be reached by the Valley Transit Bus Line on Rt. 171 to 95th St. Fish population renovated and shoreline repaired in 1975. Fish population restocked in 1976. The lake was opened to fishing in 1978. Fishes stocked are largemouth bass, bluegill and channel catfish. Depth contour map is available.

**McGINNIS SLOUGH:** Off of U.S. 45 (Mannheim Rd.) approximately ½ mile north of Orland Park, Area 303 acres. Depths to 4 feet. Only E. end is open to fishing; remainder is a waterfowl refuge. Bullhead, goldfish, sunfishes, bluegill.

**MIDLOTHIAN RESERVOIR:** On W. side of Cicero Avenue at 167th Street in Oak Forest. Area 25 acres. Depths to 14 feet. Connected with Midlothian Creek with resultant water level fluctuations. Largemouth bass, bluegill, crappie, bullhead, carp, suckers.

**PAPOOSE LAKE:** On S. side of McCarthy Rd. (123rd St.), ¼ mile W. of Mannheim Rd. (U.S. 45). Area 18 acres. Depths to 10 feet. All Fishes killed again in the winter of 1978-79. Lake renovated and restocked in spring 1979. Lake closed to fishing until fall of 1981. Depth map available.

**POTAWATOMI LAKE:** One-half mile E. of Wheeling, N. side of Dundee Rd., E. of the Des Plaines River. Area 4.5 acres. Depths to 9 feet. Largemouth bass, bluegill, sunfishes, bullheads.

**POWDERHORN LAKE:** Two miles N of Calumet City, ½ mile E. of Burnham Ave. on N. side of Brainard Ave. Area 35 acres. Depths to 19 feet. Marsh to N. a Wildlife Refuge — no fishing allowed. Private rowboats, sailboats, canoes allowed. Northern pike, largemouth bass, bluegill, crappie, yellow perch, bullhead, sunfishes, channel catfish, carp. Depth contour map is available.

**SAG QUARRY EAST:** Near village of Sag Bridge off of Rt. 83, ½ mile S. of Calumet-Sag Canal bridge on old Archer Ave. Parking along road. Area of 10 acres. Depths to 18 feet. Largemouth bass, bluegill, sunfishes, carp, crappie. Trout stocked each spring. Use Valley Transit Bus Rt. 171 to Sag Bridge. Depth contour map is available.

**SAG QUARRY WEST:** Same location as Sag Quarry East except on W. side of Old Archer Ave. Area of 15 acres. Depths to 9 feet. Quarry suffered a serious winter kill in 1976-77. Area closed to all fishing for reestablishment of new fishery. Depth contour map available.

**SAGANASHKEE SLOUGH:** Along 107th St., W. of Willow Springs Rd. (104th Ave.), parking on E. and W. ends of slough; area 325 acres. This area is completely drained to rebuild the east dam and parking lot area, additional shoreline repair to be completed. Lake closed to all fishing.

**SCHILLER POND:** W. of Cumberland Ave. N. of Irving Park Rd. Area 6 acres. Depths to 8 feet. This pond suffered some winter kill in 1976-77. Largemouth bass, bluegill, sunfishes, crappie, bullhead, carp.

**SKOKIE LAGOONS:** East of Edens Expressway, W. of Winnetka, between Willow and Dundee Rds. Seven interconnected lagoons with a total area of 190 acres. Depths to 9 feet. Private rowboats, sailboats and canoes are allowed. Launching ramp S. of Tower Rd., E. of Edens Expressway.

**TAMPIER LAKE:** Between Wolf and Will-Cook Rds., S. of 131st St. Area 160 acres. Depths to 15 feet. Largemouth bass, northern pike, bluegill, sunfishes, crappie, bullhead, carp. Boat Rental at W. end of the lake off of Will-Cook Rd. Depth contour map is available.

**TUMA LAKE:** E. of Willow Springs Rd. (104th Ave.), 1 mile S. of 95th St., no parking except along road at Joe's Pond. Largemouth bass, bluegill, sunfishes, bullhead.

**TURTLE HEAD LAKE:** One and one quarter mile S. of Palos Heights on the W. side of Harlem Ave. Area 12 acres. Depths to 15 feet. Largemouth bass, bluegill, crappie, sunfishes, bullhead. Depth contour map is available.

**WAMPUM LAKE:** One mile E. of Thornton, N. off of Thornton-Lansing Rd. Area 35 acres. Depths to 14 feet. Largemouth bass, bluegill, smallmouth bass, sunfishes, channel catfish, bullheads. Depth contour map is available.



# ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION

## Division of Fish and Wildlife Resources

# SPORT FISHING AWARDS

## RULES

1. Fish must be legally caught by pole and line from Illinois waters. Fish caught by trotline, jugs, bank poles, nets, seines, and snagging are ineligible.
2. Fish caught from fee fishing areas are not eligible.
3. The fish must be weighed in the presence of two witnesses (not relatives) and should be weighed to the nearest ounce on scales legal for trade. (Grocer scales, butcher scales.)
4. The total length of the fish must be measured to the nearest 1/8 of an inch. The total length is from the snout, mouth closed, to the end of the tail.
5. Anyone who thinks he has a state record fish must have it positively identified by a Department of Conservation Fishery Biologist.
6. A clear, black and white, lateral view photograph of the fish must accompany the entry. The Department of Conservation must have permission to publish the photograph.
7. The Illinois Department of Conservation reserves the right to investigate and check the identification, the methods used in catching and the accuracy of measurement and weight before accepting the entry. The Illinois Department of Conservation also reserves the right to reject an entry.
8. All entries must be submitted within 90 days of being caught.

## AWARDS

A Big Fish Shoulder Patch and Certificate (suitable for framing) will be awarded to those anglers who catch any of the fish listed at right, that equal or exceed the minimum weight specified.

A Shoulder Patch and Engraved Wall Plaque will be awarded to the angler who catches a fish of the species listed bigger than the current state record.



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## MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS FOR SPECIES TO BE ENTERED

Species	Minimum Weight	
	Pounds	Ounces
Largemouth Bass . . . . .	7	0
Smallmouth Bass . . . . .	3	8
Spotted Bass . . . . .	3	8
White Bass . . . . .	2	12
Yellow Bass . . . . .	1	0
Striped Bass . . . . .	15	0
Northern Pike . . . . .	15	0
Muskie . . . . .	15	0
Tiger Muskie . . . . .	15	0
Walleye . . . . .	6	0
Sauger . . . . .	3	0
Yellow Perch . . . . .	1	4
Bluegill . . . . .	1	8
Redear . . . . .	1	8
Green Sunfish . . . . .	1	8
Rock Bass . . . . .	1	0
Warmouth . . . . .	1	0
Other Sunfish . . . . .	1	0
Hybrid Sunfish . . . . .	1	8
White Crappie . . . . .	3	0
Black Crappie . . . . .	3	0
Channel Catfish . . . . .	17	0
Blue Catfish . . . . .	30	0
Flathead Catfish . . . . .	30	0
Black Bullhead . . . . .	2	4
Yellow Bullhead . . . . .	2	4
Brown Bullhead . . . . .	2	4
Coho Salmon . . . . .	15	0
Chinook Salmon . . . . .	33	0
Kokanee Salmon . . . . .	1	0
Pink Salmon . . . . .	2	0
Atlantic Salmon . . . . .	5	0
Lake Trout . . . . .	15	0
Brown Trout . . . . .	20	0
Rainbow Trout . . . . .	15	0
Brook Trout . . . . .	2	0
Tiger Trout . . . . .	3	0
Splake . . . . .	2	0
Carp . . . . .	20	0
Freshwater Drum . . . . .	10	0
Bowfin . . . . .	8	0
Paddlefish . . . . .	20	0
Smallmouth Buffalo . . . . .	20	0
Bigmouth Buffalo . . . . .	20	0
Shovelnose Sturgeon . . . . .	2	0